

**SUSPENDED
IN MID-AIR****Peculiar Railroad Accident in
St. Louis Today.****SEVERAL PEOPLE HURT****Pullman Car Topped from Elevated
Railroad Track but Was Caught by
Four Girders and Some
Telegraph Poles.**

St. Louis, Jan. 11.—Six persons were painfully injured and ten others were frightened almost to a state of hysteria this morning when a Pullman car, attached to a train on the Eastern Washington railway division from Chicago topped from the elevated railroad tracks here on the levee. Fortunately the ends of the car were caught by four girders at one end and telegraph poles at the other, forming a bridge over the depression in the ground. Into this depression several passengers, who plunged through the windows, fell.

**AUTOCRATIC POWERS
HAVE BEEN INCREASED****Says Premier Witte in an Inquest With
Several Prominent Russian Peo-
ple—Admit Troops Have
Mutinied.**

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—In an inquest today, with several prominent Russian citizens, Premier Witte declared that the outcome of the recent uprisings in the various parts of the country had been to strengthen the autocratic powers of the czar. Said he: "The failure of the revolutionists means that all power remains in the hands of the czar. He is now able to do anything he desires. He can either curtail the rights he has already granted, or he can increase them. The people do not have any voice in the matter."

Count Witte admitted that mutinies have occurred among the soldiers in Manchuria and said that 20 per cent of the troops had rebelled. The rest remain faithful to the czar, however, and are able to overwhelm the mutineers.

CLAIMS IT IS BLACKMAIL.**John J. Merrill Appears in His Own
Behalf.**

Albany, Jan. 11.—Attorney General Mayer late yesterday afternoon concluded his investigation of the charges of misconduct and favoritism preferred against John J. Merrill, chief clerk in the corporation tax bureau in the office of State Comptroller Kelsey by Frank White of this city. The attorney general said last night that he would announce his findings in a week or two.

Mr. Merrill himself testified yesterday. The most interesting part of Mr. Merrill's testimony was the story he told about the manner in which he had been threatened unless he resigned his position in the comptroller's office. During the rendition of the story Merrill broke down and wept. He told the attorney general that last April a man who gave the name of Davis called at his boarding house, and told him that unless he resigned within a few days, the governor would be apprised of alleged wrongdoings in Merrill's office.

The following month, Merrill said, he received a telephone communication from New York city ostensibly from the same person threatening him. Merrill says he told Comptroller Kelsey of the matter and the comptroller characterized the whole affair as a "dirty case of blackmail."

**PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
BECOMES RED MAN****Taken Into Order as an Honorary Mem-
ber at the White House This
Morning—Ceremony Witnessed
by General Officers.**

Washington, Jan. 11.—President Roosevelt was initiated as a member of the Improved Order of Red Men at the White House this morning. The ceremony was witnessed by a number of general officers of the organization. The president was made an honorary member, he being the only one in the order.

WITH \$75,000,000 CAPITAL.**United States Smelting, Refining and
Mining Company.**

Boston, Jan. 11.—Announcement was made yesterday of the organization of the United States Smelting, Refining and Mining company, under the laws of Maine, with an authorized capital of \$75,000,000.

The company is formed for general mining purposes in the west and will be controlled largely by the same persons who own a controlling interest in the United States Mining company, one of the copper companies listed on the Boston stock exchange. Property is already owned by the organization in Utah and it is proposed to extend operations in other states of the west as well as in the south. There will be 750,000 shares of 7 1/2 cent cumulative preferred stock and 750,000 shares of common stock. Each share of the par value of \$50. The preferred stock is entitled to receive cumulative dividends not exceeding 7 per cent a year. In the case of liquidation or dissolution of the company the preferred stock will also have preference in the distribution of any monies to the extent of its accrued dividends. The shares of preferred and common stock have equal voting powers, except that common stock alone can vote on any increase in the common stock.

**PRESIDENT HARPER IS
DEAD OF CANCER****Head of Chicago University, Endowed
by Rockefeller Millions, Passed
Away Yesterday After-
noon.**

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Dr. William R. Harper, president of the University of Chicago, the great institution which John D. Rockefeller has endowed with millions, died yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Harper was with her husband when the end came. He relapsed into unconsciousness before 2 o'clock, and it was seen that the end was near. He was never awakened from this sleep.

Shortly before the end came, Dr. Frank Billings issued this bulletin:

"Dr. Harper will probably not live the week of his illness."

The student body at the University of Chicago was in entire ignorance of the condition of the president. No official health bulletin had been posted for professors and students.

The bulletin from Dr. Billings was issued in the president's office shortly after noon yesterday. Miss Cobb gave the news to representatives of the press, but said nothing beyond the bare statement that the great educator might die at any moment.

The announcement of the sudden change for the worse in Dr. Harper's condition came as a complete surprise to friends of the university president, who read the bulletin. Outside the immediate family circle it was hoped and believed until very recently that Dr. Harper's chances of recovering were excellent.

Early yesterday Mrs. Harper said: "Dr. Harper has been growing weaker and weaker rapidly. No hopes are held out for his recovery. We have been told to be prepared for his death at any time."

Samuel Harper, son of the stricken man, who is in Moscow, was notified of his father's condition before death on his way home. Other members of the family had been warned to expect the end at any moment.

MARSHALL FIELD IS WORSE.**Physicians After a Consultation Say He
Has a Severe Cold.**

New York, Jan. 11.—While no official statement could be obtained from the physician it was rumored last night that a grave change had taken place in the condition of Marshall Field of Chicago, who is ill here.

Dr. James, the attending physician, late last night summoned in consultation Dr. E. G. Janeway and Dr. Austin R. Riggs. All three physicians were with the patient for a long while and afterwards held an extended consultation. Mr. Field was said to be suffering from a severe cold.

Dr. James issued the following bulletin this morning: "Mr. Marshall Field has pneumonia of moderate extent. His condition is favorable, and he is in no immediate danger."

The class A organization, composed of the Field's condition occurred during the night. Both lungs are said to be congested. The age of the patient is one of the things that will count against him. He is 70 years old.

DROGGED UNDER CAR.**Little Suncock, N. H., Boy Was Killed
Yesterday Afternoon.**

Suncook, N. H., Jan. 11.—Ignace Malo, 12 years old, died in the Margaret Pillsbury hospital at Concord at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon as the result of having both his arms cut off at the elbow by a southbound car from Concord about noon. The accident occurred in front of the parsonage residence of the church of St. Jean Baptiste.

The boys here have been accustomed to rubbing their hands on the sides of the cars as they passed rapidly through. Young Malo was on his way to school and pedestrians saw him start across the street as the car came along. Suddenly they saw him fall under the side of the car and heard his shrieks as he was dragged along. The motorman and conductor stopped as soon as possible and with some difficulty the body was extricated from under the car wheels.

THEIR FIRST MEETING.**Baseball Arbitration Board Disposes of
Thirty Cases.**

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The new arbitration board of the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs, held their first meeting yesterday and disposed of thirty minor cases in dispute which had been left over from the old board.

This class A organization, composed of the American association, the Eastern league, the Western league and the Pacific Coast league, yesterday elected Howard Griffiths of New Jersey, president, and W. H. Watkins of Indianapolis, treasurer and secretary. The following board of directors was named: T. T. Bryce, American association; George Tebeau, Western league; George Stallings, Eastern league; and Daniel Long, Pacific Coast league.

LOOKS LIKE A STRIKE.**Firemen on the D. L. & W., Dissatisfied
With Hours and Pay.**

New York, Jan. 11.—Trouble is expected between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, that the Lackawanna system soon may have to face a strike. Shorter hours and better pay are the principal points in the dispute and the controversy has been going on since last August. The men chiefly concerned are 560 firemen.

CHARGED WITH ADULTERY.**W. O. Greeney Will Be Tried in Cal-
ifornia County Court.**

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 11.—W. O. Greeney, a restaurant keeper, was bound over to the June term of California county court yesterday on the charge of adultery. He waived examination and bail was furnished.

**PUEBLO IS
FIRE-SWEEPED****Colorado City Is In Hands
of Fire Fiend.****DAMAGE IS NOT KNOWN****Despatch from Denver States That the
Wires, Both Telegraph and Tele-
phone, Are Down—Communica-
tion Is Impossible.**

Denver, Col., Jan. 11.—Word was received this morning that a disastrous fire is sweeping Pueblo and the flames are not yet under control. Before the details could be given communication was cut off, telegraph and telephone lines being down.

**BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS
IS ON THE DECREASE****Reports the State Board of Cattle Com-
missioners, Who Met at Burlington
Yesterday to Lay Their
Plans.**

Burlington, Jan. 11.—The state board of cattle commissioners, composed of V. L. Spear of Randolph, F. A. Rich of Burlington and G. H. Stephens of Hartford, held a meeting at the Van Ness House yesterday to talk over work for the ensuing year. It was announced that bovine tuberculosis was on the decrease in Vermont and that at the present time there was no center where the disease was prevalent to a large degree.

The board has had ten men in the field for some time in order to keep pace with the demands from owners who desire to have their herds tested. The commissioners say that the present law, although not all that it should be, is working satisfactorily on the whole and that cattle owners are calling for tests continually. No business of particular importance was transacted yesterday.

HARVARD SECEDES.**And Will Send Representative to Na-
tional Football Conference.**

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 11.—The Harvard athletic committee last night after passing a resolution that it was unanimously in favor of a continuance of intercollegiate football, provided satisfactory changes can be made in the rules, decided to withdraw from the national football rules committee and send a representative to the national intercollegiate football rules committee which was called by Chancellor McCracken of New York University.

GERMAN RESIDENTS WARNED.**To Leave Denmark for the Vaterland at
a Three Days' Notice.**

Copenhagen, Jan. 10.—All German citizens, living in Denmark, who are liable for service in their fatherland, have been warned to hold themselves in readiness to return to Germany upon three days' notice.

**ALLEGED MURDERER
ARRESTED IN BOSTON****Frank C. Klarney Is Said to Have Been
Connected With Killing of Woman
in Macedon, N. Y., Admits He
Was There Tuesday.**

Boston, Jan. 11.—Acting on instructions from the authorities of Wayne county, New York state, Boston inspectors went to Brighton yesterday and arrested Frank Klarney, otherwise known as Frank Klarvis, on a charge of being a fugitive from justice. It is understood that Klarney is now wanted at Macedon, N. Y., in connection with the murder of a woman named Mary Abramowitz Tuesday. The prisoner recently was employed in an optical goods factory in Rochester.

Klarney admitted to the Boston police last night that he was in Macedon Tuesday, but denied any knowledge of the crime. He expressed a willingness to return to New York without extradition and it is expected that he will be taken to Wayne county at once.

It is alleged that while in Macedon Klarney went to the home of the Abramowitz woman and after killing her took from the house \$600 in cash and five watches. The police claim that from Macedon the prisoner went to his lodgings at 24 Woodbury street, Rochester, where he changed his clothing. The New York authorities say that the man then borrowed an overcoat and a cap and left for Boston Tuesday night, arriving in Brighton yesterday.

When Klarney was arrested \$50 in money and three watches were found on his person. He said that he had bought the three watches from an Italian in Rochester, paying \$3 for the lot.

NEW YORKER ARRESTED.**Samuel Humphreys Said to Be an In-
surance Broker.**

New York, Jan. 11.—Samuel Humphreys, said to be an insurance broker with offices on Wall street, was arrested this morning at the request of Assistant District Attorney Garvan, for alleged connection with Charles Augustus Seton, the promoter who was arrested near Elkhart last evening, charged with forgery of stock certificates of the Norfolk and Western Railroad company.

**CLOSER UNITY BETWEEN
SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES****In the Aim of the Education Conference
Which Met at Burlington This Af-
ternoon—English Language Is
Under Discussion.**

Burlington, Jan. 11.—The opening session of a notable conference on educational topics was held this afternoon at Billings library. The principal theme under discussion is the English language and the participants are among the leading educators in New England. It is the first gathering of what is hoped to be followed by others, which carries out a project suggested by the university of Vermont, looking toward a closer unity between college and secondary schools.

This afternoon the conference idea was freely discussed and able papers were presented by President Buckham, State Superintendent Stone and Principals Isaac Thomas of the Burlington high school and Merrill of the Randolph high school. Professor S. F. Emerson also gave a helpful and thoughtful address on the subject.

Professor Sykes of Columbia university will speak this evening and the discussion will be continued tomorrow with the special topic of English literature. The principals of the secondary schools of the state will take part in the programme.

GRANITE SHED BURNED.**Stewart Granite Company at Hardwick
Burned Out.**

Hardwick, Jan. 11.—About noon yesterday the T. T. Daniel stone shed, occupied by the Stewart Granite works, was destroyed. The loss on the building was about \$500, with \$200 in fixtures. The loss of the granite company is about \$50. The shed was closed yesterday on account of cold weather and it is supposed the fire started from a stove.

ANNOUNCED A GIFT.**Caledonia County Fair Association C-
a Horse Barn.**

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 11.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Caledonia county fair association yesterday President E. M. Taft announced that he would give the association the horse barn which he had erected the past year at a cost of over \$1,000. The barn was chosen as follows: President E. M. Taft of Cambridge, Mass.; vice president, George C. Carey; secretary and treasurer, Charles G. Bruley.

**HIS MANGLED BODY
WAS FOUND FROZEN****John Kugan of West Rutland Started
Out Hunting and Was Found Dead
Probably Victim of an Accident.**

Rutland, Jan. 11.—After searching all night the body of John Kugan, a 24-year-old Poleander, who left his home in West Rutland Tuesday to hunt rabbits, was found at noon yesterday at the base of Mr. Grenier, terribly mangled by the accidental explosion of his double barreled shot gun. The body, which was frozen stiff, was found by Kugan's brother, Michael. Both barrels of the gun had exploded. One charge struck Kugan in the right breast and the other tore through his neck. It is believed that the man slipped and fell over a large rock, causing the explosion. Kugan left home about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon to hunt in the vicinity of the mountain. When he did not return that night his brother became alarmed and organized a searching party. The men wandered over the mountain all night, suffering much from the cold, the thermometer standing at 10 below. The search was continued until noon yesterday when the body was found, the exploded weapon lying a few feet away.

INTENSITY GROWING.**Progress of the Election Fight in Lon-
don.**

London, Jan. 11.—The election fight is daily growing in intensity and the party leaders with the aid of motor cars, are displaying the greatest energy in addressing many gatherings at different places on the same day.

The premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who spoke at Shrewsbury last night, was howled down by a Chamberlainite minority and was compelled to shorten his speech. Disorderly meetings of this kind are not uncommon.

John Burns, president of the local government board, made a successful tilt against Joseph Chamberlain, compelling him to publicly retract his statement that a million able-bodied men were being supported in the workhouses of Great Britain. Mr. Burns produced statistics which proved that the workhouses were at present supporting only 214,804 persons, the majority of whom were either sick or disabled.

TO DEVELOP THE NEGRO.**National Business League Incorporated
Yesterday.**

Albany, Jan. 11.—The national negro business league of New York city was incorporated yesterday to promote the commercial and financial development of the negroes of the United States by thoroughly organizing them into local leagues in all the states and territories for systematic instruction, conferences and encouragement in commercial enterprises and the proper use and saving of money. The incorporation papers give the following names as incorporators: Booker T. Washington of Tucker, Ala.; T. Thomas Fortune, Red Bank, N. J.; Dr. S. E. Courtney of Boston, Mass.; Philip A. Payton, Jr., of New York city and Fred R. Moore of Brooklyn.

**BROUGHT BACK
TO FACE IT****Fred Ackerly, Who is Charged
With Having Two Wives,****IT NOW IN COUNTY JAIL.****Sheriff Tracy Went to Passaic, N. J.
With Extradition Papers from Gov.
Bell to Gov. Stokes of That
State—Returned Last Night.**

Fred Ackerly, who also goes under the name of Frederick Moreley, was brought back from Passaic, N. J., last night, by Sheriff Tracy to face the charge of bigamy, it being claimed that he married Annie D. Smith of Barre town, while he was still married to a woman named Ertike Kolmany of Passaic. Ackerly was placed in Washington county jail last night. Requisition papers were honored by Gov. Stokes of New Jersey, Sheriff Tracy going to Trenton to see him.

Ackerly was employed as a quarryman about Barre for some time, also as a butcher. He didn't remain here after marrying the Smith woman. Letters which she received from him told of his being in Manchester, N. H., and Passaic. The police of the latter city arrested Ackerly in a hospital there and arrested him on advice from the authorities here. It is reported that Ackerly, or Moreley, has children by the Passaic woman.

VERMONT DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION SENDS**Up the Percentage from 90 to 92
—Election of Officers in Two
Organizations.**

Burlington, Jan. 11.—At the afternoon session of the Vermont Dairymen's association yesterday afternoon the following officers were chosen:

President—Dana B. Morse of Randolph.

First vice president—Burton Hatt of South Ryegate.

Second vice president—George Dunsmore of St. Albans.

Secretary—E. L. Davis of Poufret.

Treasurer—M. A. Adams of Derby.

Auditor—C. F. Smith of Morrisville.

The attempt made at last year's meeting to raise the standard by which association butter premiums can be scored was repeated yesterday afternoon and after much discussion was successful, the standard being raised from 90 to 92 points.

OFFICERS OF THE AUXILIARY.

The officers of the Women's Auxiliary to the Dairymen's association were chosen yesterday afternoon. They are:

President, Mrs. Etta Le Page of Barre.

Vice president, Mrs. H. C. Aseltine of Fairfax.

Treasurer and treasurer, Mrs. Emma S. Beach of Charlotte.

Four new members were admitted and it was voted to hold the next meeting at the same time and place as the Vermont State Dairymen's association.

FEAST LAST EVENING.

There were in the neighborhood of 250 at the banquet served at the Van Ness house last evening. Eiker's orchestra furnished music. The toastmaster was F. L. Greene of St. Albans. The speakers were Mayor Burke on "The Queen City," Governor Bell, State superintendent of education, Mason S. Stone, Mrs. Adie Howie, C. W. Seaford, Prof. J. W. Decker, Allen M. Fletcher and George Aitken.

COASTING ACCIDENT.**Six Young People Badly Hurt at Turn-
er's Falls.**

Turner's Falls, Mass., Jan. 11.—Two young people were seriously hurt and four others received injuries when a coasting party on a double ripper collided with a hack on a steep hill here last night. The most seriously injured are: Joseph Gosselin, aged 15 years, and Cora Gosselin, aged 15. The latter sustained a fractured skull, and it is believed that both are injured internally. Others injured were: George Paulin, aged 18; left leg broken in three places and body cut; Fred Meeker, leg broken; Peter Girard, badly bruised; Carus Nade, had cut on head.

The hill was icy and the sled was going at terrific speed when the collision occurred. The hack which figured in the collision was carrying to her home a Polish servant girl who had been struck by a speeding sled shortly before. Her leg was fractured.

NATIVE OF THETFORD.**John W. Cummings Died Yesterday at
Manchester, N. H.**

Manchester, N. H., Jan. 11.—John W. Cummings died yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at his home, 42 Middle street. He was a native of Thetford, Vt., and his age was 65 years and 10 months. Mr. Cummings had been a resident of this city for the last eight years and he was an attendant of St. Paul's church. His survivors are: his widow, Mrs. Mary J. Cummings; one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Ford of Gardner, Me.; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Sadie A. Clayton, two sons, Edwin F. of this city and Albert of Minnesota; one brother of Thetford, Vt., and his father.

PLEASURE WITH BUSINESS.**Court Rob Roy of Graniteville Installs
Its Officers.**

Graniteville, Jan. 11.—At a regular meeting of Court Rob Roy, P. of A., held on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, the following officers were duly installed for the ensuing term by D. G. C. R. John Stott: C. R. Albert Davis; S. C. R. Lewis Clark; treasurer, Maurice Spencer; financial secretary, J. J. Sullivan; R. S. Timothy Sullivan; S. W. Alex McFarland; J. W. Peter Martin; S. R. Charles Biddell; J. E. Adler Moricette; three years trustee, John P. Sullivan; lecturer, Michael Sullivan; court physician, G. L. T. Hayes.

After the regular business of the court was over, the members adjourned to the ante room, where refreshments were served to the satisfaction of all, each one repaying himself from the various dishes which were plentifully supplied. After all had satisfied themselves with the refreshments, songs were called for and among those given were "Loch Lomond," by John Stott; "We Won't Go Home Until Morning," was rendered by Thomas Brew in his usual happy style. Albert Davis was then called upon for a song and created uproarious laughter and merriment by singing in his humorous way "The Devil Among the Tailors." After the mirth had subsided John P. Sullivan was asked for a song and gave "I Wish I Was Single Again," which added not a little to the general merriment. Adler Moricette was then asked to contribute something, and he sang with much sweetness and earnestness that beautiful and touching hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." Allan McLellan recited "The Mishaps of a Cop," which was much appreciated, and Ed McElvyn gave his famous recitation, "The Courtships of an Old Bachelor," in his own inimitable way, which evoked the general laughter once more.

At the close of the entertainment Adler Moricette and Charles Biddell engaged in a cake walk contest, and amidst uproarious mirth the prize was awarded to Adler Moricette, who went home happy in the possession of a very rich cake. The entertainment broke up by all singing "Auld Lang Syne," and the members went home delighted with the night's amusement and wishing a good many returns of the same.

VICTORY FOR CLAN.**Won at Six Tables, While I. O. O. F.
Won at Only Two.**

In the Interfraternity Cribbage league last evening the Clan Gordon team took the victory from the I. O. O. F. by a score of six to two. Tonight the Manchester Unity and the Red Men will play. The result of the match last evening was as follows:

Clan Gordon wins: Smart and Cruickshank from Black and Porryth, McLeod and Riddle from Brew and Bearrie, Keith and Smart from Robbins and Willey, Scott and Henderson from Hector and Maiden, Jopp and Milne from Nichols and Cowie, Booth and Troop from Rennie and Geak.

I. O. O. F. VICTORIES: Melver and Bligh

from Thompson and Goodwin, Scott and Webster from Inglis and Matheson.

PETITIONS FOR SENTENCE**OF CHARLES L. TUCKER****Attorney General Parker Today Filed
It With Clerk of Superior Court
at East Cambridge, Mass.,
Setting January 19.**

Boston, Jan. 11.—Attorney General Parker today filed with the clerk of the superior court at East Cambridge a petition that the sentence be passed on January 19 on Charles Tucker, who was convicted of the murder of Mabel Page at Weston.

IN DESPERATE SITUATION.**Randolph Woman Broke Arm and Set
Barn Afire.**

Randolph, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Edward McIntosh met with a serious accident in a peculiar manner Monday night at her home on School street. Mrs. McIntosh went into her barn at about 11 p. m. to feed some hay. In doing so she went from the hay loft with a lamp in one hand and a bunch of hay in the other, she tripped on a rug and fell to the floor, breaking her right arm near the shoulder and the lamp in pieces. In her almost helpless condition with the barn on fire, caused by the broken lamp, she managed to draw a blanket from a sleigh and partially smother the flames and her cries brought her son, Earl McIntosh, who picked up his mother and extinguished the fire. Dr. Bailey assisted by Dr. Russell reduced the fractured arm and she is getting on quite comfortably.

A JAPANESE EVENING.**Was Enjoyed by Altruistic Club and
Their Friends.**

The Altruistic observed gentlemen's night at the home of Mrs. Joseph Hoyt, 55 Merchant street, last evening. Everything was conducted in Japanese style. The house was prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and a dainty Japanese lunch was served. The young ladies who were served were attired in Japanese costume.

Many interesting games were indulged in, prizes were awarded and a very enjoyable evening was passed. Everyone went home feeling that too much could not be said in praise of the hostess whose efforts have been untiring to make the affair a grand success.

HE FAILED AS A COOK.**Burlington, Jan. 11.—Private Edward
L. Hutchinson, 15th cavalry, of Fort
Ethan Allen, a resident of Brattleboro,
has surrendered himself to the civil au-
thorities at Bangor, Me., on a charge of
desertion and he has been turned over
to military control at Fort Williams,
Me., where he will be tried by a gen-
eral court martial. Hutchinson enlisted
last May and deserted a month later.
When he enlisted he came to the fort
as a cook, but he made a failure of
his position. He put himself in com-
munication with Montreal parties who
offered him a position as chef and he
deserted to take this position. He made
a similar failure in the Canadian city
and wandered into Maine and finally
surrendered himself to the civil author-
ities for desertion.****OLD BOARD
WAS OUSTED****And Barre Men Take Place
of Boston Directors****IN A GRANITE COMPANY****Stockholders of Barre Granite and Quar-
ry Company Take Matters Into
Their Own Hands—Remove
Head Office to Barre.**

The local stockholders of the Barre Granite and Quarry company, which is capitalized under the Maine law at \$200,000, have succeeded in wresting control of the company from the Boston directors, have elected their own board and have had the head office removed from Boston to Barre. This was done at a meeting of the corporation in Portland, Maine, on Tuesday, at which four-fifths of the stock was represented in person or by proxy. It is proposed to run the business along conservative but progressive lines. Frank A. Cragg has been retained as local manager.

The upheaval in the company was the result of dissatisfaction over the methods of the Boston directors. These directors secured the incorporation, elected officers and arranged the contracts. Then they sold stock. The promoters got a very large percentage for commission; it is said, fifty per cent, besides liberal blocks of stock in the company. W. A. Thurston of Boston has disposed of all but about one hundred shares of his block, while Fred E. Britten of the same city still holds about six hundred shares.

The meeting at Portland on Tuesday was presided over by the latter as president, and the reorganization took place. The board of directors which was ousted consisted of the following: F. E. Britten, W. A. Thurston and C. W. Thurston of Boston; E. A. Ainsworth of Lynn, Mass., and F. A. Cragg of Barre. The last named was elected to the new board, and associated with him now are G. M. Carlton, Daniel A. Perry and the Rev. W. A. Kinzie of Barre, and J. W. Gosselin of Burlington. The directors elected the following officers:

President—O. M. Canton, to succeed F. E. Britten.

Vice President—D. A. Perry, to succeed W. A. Thurston.

Treasurer—W. A. Kinzie, to succeed W. A. Thurston.

Clerk—Millard Baldwin of Portland, Me.

The local office of the company is in the Blanchard building. Their quarry is the one recently purchased from Canton Brothers. It contains a good quality of granite. It is understood that about \$35,000 in stock was subscribed.

ALEXANDER W. LAING.**School Boy Died Last Evening After
Many Weeks of Illness.**

Alexander Wright Laing, the adopted son of Mrs. Annie W. Laing, who resides in the Miles' building, died last evening at 8:15 of tuberculosis, with complications. He was 15 years of age the 18th of December. The lad had been confined to his bed for seven weeks and during that time had not been able to take the least bit of nourishment. Death came as a relief from his sufferings at 8:15 last evening.

Alex had been a student at Spaulding, being in the seventh grade at the time he was taken ill. His own name before being adopted by Mrs. Laing was Alexander Sutherland, and he leaves five sisters in this country, and two brothers in Scotland. They are Miss Mary Sutherland, of New York, Miss Nellie Gordon, Miss Maggie Robertson and Mrs. Andrew Scott of Barre and Miss Susie Sutherland of Providence, R. I. Albert and Nelson Sutherland, who live with relatives in Scotland.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock from Mrs. Laing's rooms in the Miles block.

IDA E. (GREGORY) SCHNEIDER.**Death Yesterday Afternoon—Funeral to
Be Held Tomorrow Morning.**

Ida E., wife of A. J. Schneider of 387 North Main street, died yesterday afternoon at half past three o'clock, the cause of death being bilious fever. The deceased was the daughter of Dennis F. Gregory of Barre and was born in Manchester, N. H. She had resided in Barre for eleven years. She leaves besides her husband a daughter, The funeral will be held Friday morning at nine o'clock from St. Monica's church, and the interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.